From the Atlantic Monthly for June. ASTREA AT THE CAPITOL. AROLITION OF SLAVERY IN THE DISTRICT OF CO-LUMBIA, 1862.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER When first I saw our banner wave Above the nation's council-hall, I heard beneath its marble wall The clanking fetters of the slave!

In the fool market-place I stood,
And saw the christian mother sold,
And childheod with its locks of gold,
Blue-eyed and fair with Saxon blood. I shut my eyes, I hold my breath,
Aset, smothering down with wrath and shame
That set my northern blood affame,
Stood slient—where to speak was death.

Beside me gloomed the prison-cell Where wasted one in slow decline

For uttering simple words of mine, And loving freedom all too well. The flag that from the dome
Flapped menacs in the morning sir;
I stood, a perilled stranger, where
The human broker made his home.

For orime was virtue; Gowa and Sword And Law their threefold sanction gave, And to the quarry of the slave Went hawking with our symbol bird.

On the oppressor's side was power; And yet I knew that every wrong, However old however strong, But waited God's avenging hour. I knew that truth would crush the lie

Somehow, sometime, the end would be; Yet searcely dared I hope to see The triumph with my mortal eye.

But now I see it! In the sun
A free flag floats from yonder dome,
And at the nation's hearth and home
The justice long delayed is done. Not as we hoped, in calm of prayer,

The message of deliverance come But heralded by roll of drums On waves of battle-troubled sir!— 'Midst sounds that madden and appal, The song that Bethiehem's shepherds knew!-The harp of David melting through The demon-agonies of Saul!

Not as we hoped:—but what are we? Above our broken dreams and plans God lays, with wher fand than man's, The corner-stone of liberty.

I cavil not with Him: the voice That free-lem's blessed gospel tells
Is sweet to me as silver bells,
Rejoicing!—yea, I will rejoice!

Dear friends still toiling in the sun,-Ye dearer ones who, gone before, Are watching from the eternal shore The slow work by your hands begun,— Rejoice with me! The chastening rod Blossoms with love; the furnace hea Grows cool beneath His blessed feet Whose form is as the Sen of God!

Rejoice! Our Marsh's hitter springs Are sweetened; on our ground of grief Rise day by day in strong relief The peophecies of better things.

Rejoice in hope! The day and night Are one with God, and one with them Who see by faith the cloudy hem Of Judgment frieged with Mercy's light!

EARLY SHEARING AND NO WASHING.

We have called the attention of the wool growers of Maine to the subject of early shearing of their sheep, and also the matter of discontinuing the practice of washing sheep as heretofoe. We are glad to find our ideas and opinions corroborated by so able and experienced a wool grower as Mr. Campbell of Vermont. They were addressed to the editor of the Ohio Farmer. The theory advanced is as appropriate to the Maine flock masters as to those of Vermont and Ohio.

"If you will pay me a visit during the first week in May, you may expect to find me shear-ing the Spanish Merinoes. I still believe that early shearing is for the good of the sheep, and if it were not for some prejudice existing against early shearing, I think my fleeces would against early shearing, I think my neeces would all be taken off previous to, or by the first of May. Many a man has been victimized by 'sheep pedlars,' with early-shorn sheep, and those that have been 'stubbed;' so that, if you tell a man that your sheep were shorn in April, ten a man that your sacep were shorn in April, be is afraid there is something wrong. But, if you can frankly say that your sheep were shorn in May, there are no fears of any deception. As soon as the weather gets warm enough

for vegetation to begin to put forth, the fleece becomes a burden to the animal; and if one has suitable stables, to protect them in or windy weather, the sheep should be relieved from its fleece at once.

Any person who has never sheared early would be surprised to see how little sheep mind it, to have its fleece taken off before the weather

gets above the freezing point.

At a recent meeting of the 'Farmers' Club,' in this place, the subject of wool-growing was the topic for discussion. Many of the wool-growers in this place have practiced shearing early, and I believe it is there unanimous opinion that sheep will thrive better shorn as early as the first of May, than if allowed to wear their fleeces a few weeks later. They had come to the conclusion that sheep did not suffer any more when shorn early, than if delayed until the hot weather. It was thought, that, to take a flock of fifty or a hundred sheep, and divide them as equally as possible, the first of May, and sheer one half at a time, and let the balance run until the 1st or the 15th of June, be fore shorn, the carly sheared ones would be in much the best condition, and would go through the summer and come out the best in the fall. It was further stated to let them all go with their fleeces until June, and shear one half in an unwashed, state, and the balance washed those that had not been washed would have a better cost (dark surface) in the fall, than the others, and would sell, in any market, for more money. The only objection raised to shearing without washing, was the fact that wool-buyers took the advantage, and would not pay a fair price for tha wool. But, notwithstanding this, many of our farmers will shear early, thinking the advantage gained in the thrift of the sheep.

will more than counterbalance the loss in the If it is true that sheep do better by shearing them early, and in an uawashed state, we may ask why all wool-growers do not adopt the practice. To my mind, there are several rea-sons, one of which is that they have always been accustomed to wash; their fathers and grandfathers washed their sheep, and if there had been any better way, they would have discovered it. Another reason is that a large class of wool-growers believe that it is cruel and been as the state of the stat barbarous to shear before hot weather comes on, and it is hard to make them believe that sheep suffer more with heat, in wearing their

fleeces, than from cold if taken off. The principal reason, however, I believe, arises from the injudicious manner which the manufacturer adopts in buying wool. It is a notorious fact that wool-buyers have always paid a large premium on heavy, dirty wool, if they can only be assured that it has been washed, or pretended to have been washed. Perhaps manufacturers believe all wool-growers are so manufacturers believe all wool-growers are so stupid that they will wash their wool clean, stipid that they will wash their wool clean, when they pay about the same price for heavy, dirty, wool, as for that which is put up in the best order. If we judge from the manner in which they have always bought wool, we have reason to believe that they think we woolgrowers are a little dull, (we grant it;) but let me say to you, Mr. Manufacturer or Woolbuyer, that we are not at all so foolish as you interesting if you expect we will always not one imagine, if you expect we will always put our wools up in good order, when you will, year after year pay just as much for a dirty article, as for that which is put up in the best condition. This you have done, and, no doubt you will continue to pay a better price for heavy, or badly washed wool, than for that which is well washed; and I can assure you that you will get plenty of wool washed after the modern style, as there is but little work in it. Formerly one

but as soon as they make proper discrimination, I trust, washing sheep will be done away with.

West Westminster, April 24, 1862." In addition to the above, we find similar advice given by others in different sections of the Union, Mr. H. Hemenway, of Whitewater, Wisconsin, in some remarks on sheep, where may be found a GOOD assertment of husbandry and wool prospects gives us some FLOUR, very good advice on this subject. We abridge from his communication the following which refers more particularly to this subject:

"Much has been said about preparing our wool for market, more particularly in relation to sheep washing. Throughout the more extensive wool-growing districts the question has been agitated, and many have entered into combinations, and passed resolutions to dispense with the practice of washing sheep. But al-most all combinations seem to fail; the manufacturers seem to exert a controlling influence by adopting the one-third shrinkage from all unwashed wool.

It appears to me that the manufacturer would be the gainer to purchase his stock of wool un-washed, as the system of brook washing is so equal. One lot of wool may be washed very clean, and done up in a clean and merchantable style, while a second lot may be balf done, and the third lot is very much damaged by being washed in a muddy pool. The same slovenly manner is followed by shearing and rolling up the fleeces on a dirty bara floor, or on a dirty

spot of ground.

Such lots of wool are sold generally within one or two cents, and many times as high as the very clean lot first mentioned. It is all sold under the head of washed wool, making an average lot of the whole. The for mer aids in selling the latter."

The practice of washing sheep, he says (and by every one who has had any sheep to wash will subscribe to the truth of it), is attended with many difficulties. A convenient place for washing may be far away, rendering it injurious to drive a flock of sheep. Then again, it fre-quently happens to be a rainy time after wash-ing, and the length of time before the sheep

Now what shall be done to remedy the evil?

We can easily answer. Either let the manufacturer pay enough more for well washed wool to make it a paying business to wash the shape or discontinue the press. to make it a paying business to wash the sheep or discontinue the practice altogether.—Maine Farmer.

HERKIMER COUNTY CHEESE.

Herkimer County in N. Y., has long been celebrated for its dairy production, and for cheese especially, of which large quantities are annually sent to Great Britain, in addition to that consumed in our own country. Ac ording to a table in a late number of the Farmers' Magazine, (Eng.,) there was exported from this country to Great Britain and Ireland from September 1859, to September 1860, 7,542 tons of cheese: the average price paid for it in this country height and the second of the s

country, being nearly ten cents per pound. Herkimer is one of the interior counties of the State, and is divided by the Mohawk river. The rich dairy lands being in the southern part of the county. The rock underlying the soil is chiefly Utica slate, which according to Emmons contains more than ten per cent, of organic matter, and is charged with sulphur, and contains lime, and when near the surface forms a soil rich in fertilizing elements not easily exhaustible.

The manufacture of cheese has been the leading agicultural pursuit in the county for more than thirty years, during which time great improvements have been made, not only in the manufacture of cheese, but in everything else connected with the dairy; the quantity of cheese made annually per cow having been increased from 300 pounds to 500, 600 and often up to

700 and more pounds.
An article upon "Cheese Dairying in Herkimer County," has suggested the above remarks.
It is from the pen of X. A. Willard, one of the most practical farmers of the county, and abounds in information of 'the same character. We propose to copy those divisions relating to the treatment of the milk and process of manu-

THE RENNET.

"The stomach of the calf in emptied of its contents, and not rinsed, and with a slight sprinkling of salt may remain in an earthern used when a year or more old

A stone jar holding six gallons is used for steeping the rennet, (a wooden vessel is objectionable on account of its liability to become tainted.) and here let me say that rennet is peculiarly liable to become tainted, and requires close attention and frequent stirring with salt. Tainted rennet is the source of infinite mischief to the dairy, even when the taint is so slight as to be unsuspected. It produces ills well known to the dairy men, huffing, rapid decomposition, nauseous stenches, the breeding of mites, and often the entire loss of cheese.

Six rennets are used at a time, with salt in sufficient quantities, so that when the jar is fillsufficient quantities, so that when the jar is fillell with water, there shall always be a residuum
of salt at the bottom. This is allowed to steep
a week, when it is fit for use and its atrength
determined. It good reanets are used, two
gills of the liquid will be sufficient for seventy
gallons or more of mills. A few cloves, and
two or three lemons, sliced are sometimes tied
together in a cloth and steeped with the remet
but are not considered essential as improving
the quality of cheese. the quality of cheese.

TREATMENT OF MILK.

The evening's and morning's mild from The evenings and morning's mild from twenty to fifty cows is taken to make one cheese. The evening's milk is usually strained directly after milking into the tub or vat where the cheese is to be made, and in warm weather will require to be cooled down, so that it will keep sweet during the night, and may not sour during the night, and may not sour during the night, and may not sour during the night. ing the process of its manufacture in a cheese This is effected in various ways, by passing run-ning water through a tin worm immersed in the milk; by placing large tin coolers filled with water and ice in the milk; or by having water running, or otherwise surrounding the tin vat. It makes but little difference how this is effected, provided the milk is kept at the proper temperature to secure the desired object; it should not be kept too cool, because cold, like heat may be in excess; for it is a well ascertained fact that milk is injured by being kept at too low a temperature, and will not produce so large a quantity of cheese. Again, it is desirable that all the cream therefore rising on the exemine's milk the less waste. The cream company is milk the less waste. evening's milk the less waste. The oream when once risen, cannot be easily made to take the same relative position that it at first occu-pied in the milk, and therefore cannot all be worked up in the cheese without more or less waste, but a little attention to these points by the person having charge of the dairy, will readily suggest what is necessary with regard to the treatment of milk, in order to secure the best results. All the utensils about the dairy must be kept scrupulously clean and sweet, especially those that come in contact with the milk. The tub or vat should be provided with a graduated scale, either at the sides or on a rule, so that the number of gallons of milk can at once be ascertained.

By this means the dairyman can always tell whether his cows are losing or gaining from day to day, and he has some basis for determining the quantity of rennet and salt to be used for each cheese. The whole of the milk should be heated together, at once and slike. The prac-tice of heating the milk to a high temperature for the purpose of warming the rest, is neither convenient nor economical; an apparatus, therefore, for heating all the milk slike, it will be seen is important."

An elderly lady who was handling a pair of artificial plates in a dental office, and admiring plenty of wool washed after the modern style, as there is but little work in it. Formerly one man would throw in for four or five to wash; but now it takes two men to throw in as fast as one can wash. As long as manufacturers will pay for wool that has been thrown in the water, and only just wet, the price of good, clean wash. I think farmers will wash their sheep; "My dear Madam; mastication can be performed by them with a facility scarcely excelled by nature herself," responds the dentist. "Yes. I know; but can a body eat with little farmers will wash their sheep; "em?" replied the woman.

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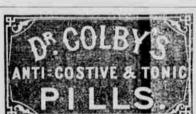
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